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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Re : S/N 10/604,104 filed 06/26/2003

Attached please find our Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111 dated April 26, 2005. (9 pages).

Thank you.

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 27, 2005, and having a shortened statutory period for response running to and including April 27, 2005, Applicants respond as follows: